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1. REF MOSCOW 7227: POUCH AND APO FOR PRISONERS: AS WE INDICATED, THE PROBLEM COMES DOWN TO SCA'S INABILITY TO GRANT ANY EXCEPTIONS; IT CAN ONLY MAKE FINDINGS OF "INDIVIDUAL ENTITLEMENT." THIS APPARENTLY WOULD APPLY IN THE CASE OF, SAY, RETIRED US MILITARY PERSONS RESIDING IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, AMSTER, BURN AND BRAWER DON'T HAVE MUCH CHANCE OF BEING FOUND ENTITLED. SINCE SCA ISN'T EAGER TO ANSWER REFTEL, (ANSWER WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE NEGATIVE) AND SINCE WE SEE SOME ADVANTAGE TO US IN KEEPING THE OPTION OPEN, AS WELL AS A GROWING SOLICITUDE IN THE ADMINISTRATION FOR AMERICANS IN FOREIGN JAILS, WE SUGGEST YOU LET THINGS RIDE. CHRISTOPHER

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